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Subject: WSBA Competitions Club Entries

Dear Shilly,

Just a note to clarify the position.

Where clubs enter more than one team in WSBA competitions namely the Friday Midweek League, Harry Mills Triples and the Saturday League **players are restricted to play for the first team they play for in anyone season**. I apologies for this not being on the web site which is being corrected. Originally clubs were only permitted to enter one team in any of these competitions, but over the years requests were made that we allow clubs, where their membership allowed, to enter more than one team. As our aim is to encourage level green bowls we agreed to the change and made this stipulation. We thought this was fair. You will see that the Midweek League has been enhanced even further by stipulating that **players must play in at least two games to qualify to play in the quarter finals** as some clubs in the past have introduce a stronger four at this stage and dropped those that played and reached the quarter final stage.

While writing can I also make one further point. It has been suggested we started our competitions earlier this season. This is not the case. The Singles and Pairs have started this year in the same weeks as last season. We could start later, but we were requested to have a three week gap between rounds where possible and this we have done. The other competitions do start later as the entries allow for this. We are fortunate that our competitions do receive good support and as I stated at our dinner our entries exceed those of some of the four areas in the County.

Obviously if you wish to raise any points at the AGM this season please do so. We will obviously discuss the points you have raised at our next committee meeting, but currently feel we are doing what the majority of the clubs in our Association want. Surrey at one time had 226 clubs. WSBA had 35. Surrey now has 131 clubs and we have 45 so I do believe we are getting in right, but like life progress can always be made.

Kind regards,

Howard.